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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

In response to the Office Action dated July 20, 2007, for which a Notice of Appeal was filed on January 22, 2008, Applicants hereby present a Request for Continued Examination in the above mentioned case, and new arguments and remarks in support of patentability. Additionally, a Declaration under Rule 1.132 from Dr. Tamás Koltai is enclosed, and an unsigned Declaration from Dr. Valerie Niddam-Hildesheim is enclosed. Applicants will forward a signed copy shortly.

The Notice of Appeal had a response period expiring on March 22, 2008. Accordingly, this paper is being timely filed together with a **four-month** petition for extension of time, extending the period for response to July 25, 2008. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension of time fee and RCE filing fee to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**, account number **11-0600**.

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